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Assignee, Nitto Denko Corporation Assignee Name ("Assignee"), hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-referenced application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,878,374, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the above-identified application and U.S. Patent No. 6,878,374 are co-owned. This agreement extends to any patent granted on the above-referenced application and shall be binding on its successors or assigns.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), Assignee represents that it is the owner of a 100 percent interest in the above-identified application and co-owned, U.S. Patent No. 6,878,374 from which disclaimer is made, by virtue of assignments recorded by the Assignment Branch of the Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified application at Reel No. 014637, Frame No. 0513, and for U.S. Patent No. 6,878,374 at Reel No. 013825, Frame No. 0115. The Assignee represents that, to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee seeking to take action.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(a) the undersigned attorney of record is empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee, by virtue of a Power of Attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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